Telecast rights of commonwealth games

†3464. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telecasting rights of the Commonwealth Games 2010 are being considered to be given to a company called Satellite Information Service of Britain;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Prasar Bharati has recommended these rights to be given to the said firm; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the grounds for these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The telecast rights of Commonwealth Games Delhi 2010 are not given to Satellite Information Services (SIS Live), UK. Prasar Bharati has outsourced the production and coverage of the Commonwealth Games Delhi 2010 SIS Live U.K. However, the telecast rights of Commonwealth Games Delhi 2010 for India continue to be with Prasar Bharati as a Right Holding Broadcaster.

(c) Does not arise.

Irregularities in awarding telecast rights and contracts

3465. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI N. K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CVC has recently found serious irregularities in awarding telecast rights and contracts by public broadcaster Prasar Bharati during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the procedures adopted by the Prasar Bharati in awarding telecast rights were outrageous and arbitrary; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government has taken to fix responsibility on those who have committed financial irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) to (d) The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has informed that on the direction of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, an investigation has been undertaken by them regarding irregularities in awarding telecast rights etc. in Prasar Bharati. Since the investigation is going on, no details are available at present.

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